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Honorable Nick Smith
House of Representatives
1708 Longworth Building
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Dear Congressman Smith:

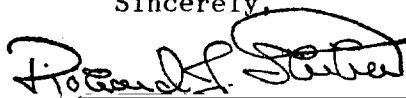
This is in reply to your letter of February 24, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Loren W. Green, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



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Nick Smith
7TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

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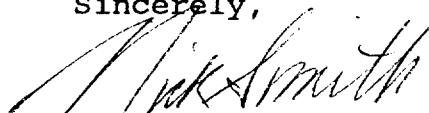
Dear Mr. Tallant:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Loren Green of Quincy, Michigan regarding his concern with proposed FCC rules that would affect the frequencies used for controlling model airplanes.

I would appreciate it if you or a member of your staff could review Mr. Green's letter and address his concerns. Additionally, I would appreciate knowing the procedure for implementing proposed FCC rules.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Nick Smith
Member of Congress

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cc: Loren Green

NS/jmh

The Honorable Michael Nye
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, Mi. 48809

2-3-93

Dear Mr. Nye

I quit smoking with the help of a hobby and that hobby is building and flying Remote Control Airplanes and Cars. I am just an average person who needs outlets that I can depend on. Remote control is a very good hobby, its low cost and reliable and can be taylored to each persons needs or desires.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under conconsideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band with our either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwiths and rearranging the band plan. As a rusult, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operation. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are persently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

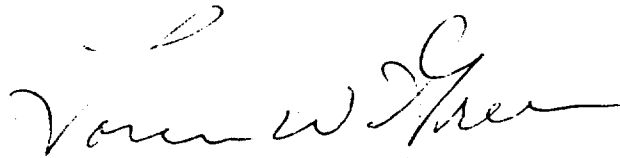
safe flying environment for us and the people who come and watch.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of and mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Please contact me if you have any questions or can clarify this in any way, thank you.

Sincerely,
Loren W Green
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Loren W Green". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.